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Applicant: R. Edward Winters
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Additional Response to Office Action

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Respectfully Submitted,

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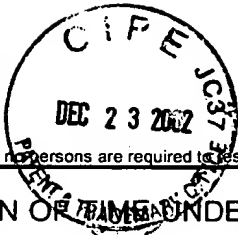
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Provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a
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Appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows

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